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Doug Roll, Mayor  
City of Libby  
952 East Spruce St.  
P.O. Box 1428  
Libby, MT 59923

Re: Libby Asbestos Superfund Site  
Operable Unit 1 – Former Export Plant Property

Dear Mayor Roll:

The purpose of this letter is to provide City Council with additional information on how any future changes to the remedy, selected in a Record of Decision in May 2010, might impact improvements made to the property.

As you know, the selected remedy is a containment and removal remedy. Long-term operation and maintenance will be required to maintain the integrity of the covers, backfilled areas, and riprap. Institutional controls will be used to minimize risks posed to people from remaining Libby amphibole asbestos in soil and also to ensure that covers are not damaged. The remedy reduces long-term risk of exposure to Libby amphibole asbestos at the operable unit by eliminating complete exposure pathways.

When the site-wide risk assessment is completed, the agencies will re-evaluate the remedy in accordance with the review requirements at CERCLA Section 121(c). If unacceptable exposures are identified, EPA will take action as necessary to ensure that the soil-to-air pathway is broken. Actions may include additional excavation, improving covers, and/or strengthening institutional controls.

To the extent that EPA takes additional response actions that impact improvements made to the property, EPA will ensure that the property and improvements are returned to their condition prior to the start of those additional actions response actions.

Please contact me at (303) 312-6552 if you need any further clarification on how additional response actions may impact improvements made to the property.

Sincerely,



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